



INSPIRED TO LEARN, LEARN TO INSPIRE!



### Mr Peter Henry, Acting Principal, says:

It is with great pride I welcome you to our wonderful school. I look forward to sharing many positive experiences together during this important stage of your child's life. We trust you will find the information contained in this Prospectus helpful and if there is anything further you would like to know, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### Nurturing

At Largymore Primary School we are committed to providing an inclusive, nurturing and enriching environment where every child is valued, cared for and understood.

### Dedicated

Throughout our school we have committed and enthusiastic staff and governors who work together in partnership with our families and wider community to ensure that our pupils get the best start to their educational journey. We pride ourselves in the positive, warm and friendly ethos we have at Largymore.

### Inspired

We have approximately 200 pupils in our school and our aspiration is to see each one of them coming into school happy and enthusiastic about their learning. We provide an environment where every child is given an opportunity to succeed and develop. We recognise that each child is unique; an individual blessed with their own unique set of gifts and talents.

### Children first

Our school is committed to developing a sense of ownership, independence and community within our children. We cultivate mature, confident and self-motivated learners who are ready for the next steps in their education journey. We listen to the views, wishes and experiences of all children and encourage them to utilise their voice for good through involvement in:

- Pupil Council.
- Eco Team.
- Playground Pals.
- Subject Focus Groups.
- P7/P1 Buddies Scheme.

### Get in touch

If you wish to hear more about what we can offer your child, please contact us for more information or an appointment to meet the principal.

### Awards and notable achievements

- Health Action Gold Award Winners.
- Eco School Silver Award.
- Active Sustran Travel School.
- Incredible Years School.
- Best Kept School Award.
- Save Our Smiles Gold Award.
- Awarded Heartstart.
- Global Learning School
- Anti Trafficking School
- Nurture School



# School day: settling in

### Our school times

School starts for children at 9.00am. Children enter from 8.45am where they are supervised by the adults in their classroom. At the end of the day, children are collected at either the playground gate (P1-P5) or front gate (P6 & P7) at 2pm or 3pm.

### Wraparound provision

We offer a Breakfast Club between 8.15am to 8.45am. Children have a choice of cereals, fruit juice and toast. This is subsidised and costs only £2.00. After-School Care is available from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

### Uniform

At Largymore, we believe that uniform increases the children's pride and ownership of their school, is practical and should be worn smartly, every day. Our school colours are Maroon and Blue. School sweatshirts and other items with the school logo are available from our uniform suppliers, and other items are readily available from high street stores. If you are in receipt of Income Support or Family Tax Credits you are eligible to apply for a Uniform Grant. Please ask at the office for an Application Form.



### Food in school

Pupils at Largymore pay excellent attention to Healthy Lifestyle choices. We are GOLD AWARD winners with Action Cancer 2022-2023. We actively encourage our pupils to choose healthy food choices, and the meals we provide at school are designed to be both nutritious and delicious.

Water is always available during the school day.



# Curriculum: a love of learning

## A love of learning

We instil a love of learning at Largymore; ensuring no limit is placed on any child's curiosity. We take great pride in delivering the highest possible quality teaching and learning experiences for all our children. Academic achievement is celebrated, as well as wider sporting and creative endeavours inside and outside school. All children are expected to aim high and reach their full potential and Largymore provides the perfect environment for this.

## Child-centred

Our staff work harmoniously to offer pupils a rich and varied curriculum. Through the provision of carefully planned activities including Play and Activity Based Learning, Problem Solving and Investigations, ICT, STEM, PE Educational Visits, Drama, Art and Music, we strive to develop further our pupils' creativity and natural curiosity about the world around us. By being actively engaged in their own learning, our children are encouraged to develop further their independence, confidence and self-esteem.

## Embracing technology

Using ICT is a continuing priority on the School Development Plan to ensure our pupils are proficient in the use of digital media, communications software and emerging technologies. Each class has high speed internet access with iPads, Chromebooks, and New Interactive Panels to enhance their digital learning.

## Sport and outdoor activities

We strongly believe in the importance of sport and exercise and offer a range of activities to enhance our pupils' physical and mental health. We promote outdoor play and our Trim Trail is designed to get the children moving, fit and healthy.

## Music

Our school choir regularly performs at venues and events throughout the local community. It is an integral part of our music provision. We also hold live performances throughout the year where children share their musical learning and love for the expressive arts.



# Inclusion: a curriculum for all

## Gifted and talented children

We recognise that all children are individuals with their own specific needs, gifts and talents. Children who are identified as being exceptionally able or talented, are monitored and provided with stimulating and enriching lessons appropriate to their needs. Opportunities are sought for such pupils to meet and work with similarly gifted pupils in the local area.



## Specialist provision for children with additional needs

We have an exceptional full time Learning Support Team who actively assess and monitor all pupils to ensure that their individual needs are met. Our SENCO and Learning Support Assistants run over 12 additional support programmes to ensure all children's specific needs, gifts and talents are developed. These include:

- Fine and Gross Motor Skills.
- Primary Movement.
- Theraplay.
- Nurture.
- Reading Partnership.
- Numeracy and Literacy Intervention.
- Talkboost.



# Enrichment: clubs, trips and visitors

## Clubs

At Largymore Primary School we have a long tradition of providing a wide range of extra curricular activities for our children. Clubs, sports and family support are an essential and important part of school life.

We offer:

- Dance.
- Football.
- Basketball.
- Netball.
- Hockey.
- Eco Club.
- Choir.
- Lego Club.
- Cross Country.
- Athletics.
- Illuminate Counselling Services.
- Connected Kids.
- The Incredible Years.

## Trips

Examples of current trips children avail of:

- Delamont (P7 Residential).
- Strangford Lough Activity Day.
- Mount Stewart.
- Carrickfergus Castle.
- Dream Space at W5.
- Navan Fort.
- Planetarium.
- Ulster Aviation Museum.

## Visitors

Learning is enriched further by visiting speakers and organisations eg.

- Farmers.
- Police Service.
- Fire Service.
- Paramedics.
- Scientists.
- Charities.
- Theatre Companies.



# Admissions and getting involved

## Applications

Applications to Largymore Primary School are made through the Education Authority's Online Portal in the January of each year. Further information regarding admission criteria can be found at [www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/primary-admissions-guide](http://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/primary-admissions-guide)

Please contact the school office to arrange a guided visit.



## Getting involved

### Parent Teacher Association

Our PTA work hard all year organising events to raise money for resources and special events for everyone to enjoy. Parents and carers are welcome to join our committee meetings to help organise or help out at whole school events.

### Voluntary helpers

We value the contribution of parents and family and we actively encourage you help during the school day, once the appropriate checks have been completed. Our PTA organise whole school events and are committed to raising vital funds to help enhance our children's learning.

### Governors

The primary purpose of our school's Governing Body is to ensure the quality of the education provision. When carrying out their responsibilities, our governing body acts in the interests of the children and young people in the school and in the wider community. Our Board of Governors meet termly. Governance Representatives from staff, parents and the local community are represented on our Governing Body and if you are interested in becoming a Governor, please watch out for any vacancies should they arise, or contact the school.



## Our Mission Statement

To provide a quality learning and teaching environment that recognises the unique contribution of every individual and challenges all our pupils to achieve their maximum potential.

